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Welcome to Vol. 1 Number 7 of this on line publication. Don't forget that copies of the previous issues of this newsletter can be found at the following URL:
<http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/index.html>

The distribution of the Newsletter continues to grow. Many new names have been added to the list of subscribers this month. If you have a friend or family member who would like to receive the Newsletter by direct e-mail, simply have them send me a note with their e-mail address, and they will be added to the list. This has truly become an international publication, with contributions now having been received from 11 countries.

The Newsletter has been profiled several times over the last month, resulting in many new people coming on board. First, Radio Amateurs of Canada mentioned the Newsletter in their bi-monthly magazine "The Canadian Amateur". Also, one of the most popular sites for DXers and radio hobbyists, Dxing.com, has added a link to the Newsletter on their site. The radio and television critic, Mr. Mike Boone, of the Montreal Gazette newspaper also mentioned us in a recent column, drawing attention to the site as well. I thank them all for their efforts.

The variety of material covered in the profiled web sites each month has been expanding. In addition to radio related sites in the Radio

Zone, sites dealing with the media (newspapers, magazines, etc.), journalism, communications, science and technology, space, military, etc. have made up the General Zone. The bizarre, humourous, quirky, as well as a collection of general purpose and information sites have appeared in the Fun and Services Zone.

Some people have submitted sites relating to other subject matter, which I have chosen to pass on. It would be very easy to branch out into other areas of specialty but, for the foreseeable future, I am going to remain within the boundaries set so far.

Please feel free to send along any interesting sites you may find. Remember that a 2% discount is offered on any purchase from Radio H.F. to those whose names appear in each month's Contributors Zone. So, let's get going with this month's sites.

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## THE COMMENTS ZONE

JAN LINDSTROM, Westmount, Quebec "I am impressed (with the Newsletter) and I think this will be your most successful enterprise. The Internet strikes again! Good luck and keep me on the list."

ROD WILLIAMS, Rossville, Georgia " Thanks for your very interesting and information packed effort."

MIKE BOONE, TV & RADIO COLUMNIST, Montreal Gazette appearing in an article on July 27, 1999 "Harvey publishes a newsletter on the Internet which is a treasure trove of radio info, including links to some terrific sites."

## THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Chet Copeland, Washington, DC; Al Dudley, Washington, DC; Howard Gontovnick, Chomedey-Laval, QU; Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, QU; Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK; Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, QU; Dave Kirby, Willowick, OH; Robert Lajoie, Longueuil, QU; David Lawrence, Inverary, ON; Janice Laws, Dorval, QU; Jerry Proc, Toronto, ON; Rich Wells, Morrisville, NC; DXing.com; Yahoo Daily News

## THE RADIO ZONE

## CYBER SHORTWAVE

<http://members.xoom.com/n8jqx/cybr_sw3.ram>

VIA: Dave Kirby, Willowick, Ohio

Using RealAudio, this site features the latest edition of Dave's CyberShortwave audio file. He calls it "A Radio Monitor's Net". Also check out his home page at <http://www.n1dk.com> for lots more radio related information.

## SASWA-SORTH AMERICAN SHORTWAVE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/b/d/bds2/swl.html>

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Sorth, not a spelling error, but obviously a spin off of "North" and the NASWA group. This is a neat personal page with RealAudio clips of rare catches and interval signals, IDs, etc., as well as a QSL card and pennant collection. A new and seldom visited site, with less than 400 visitors since January 1999. That should change now!

## SHORTWAVE RADIO TIMES

<http://website.lineone.net/~dave.howship/home.html>

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

A personal site out of Birmingham, UK, introducing shortwave, a station guide, DX show listing, links HF loggings and a QSL gallery.

## BRY'S PIRATE RADIO STATION

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Hall/8701/piralynx.htm>

VIA: Chet Copeland, Washington, DC via Glenn Hauser's Review of Int. Broadcasting, Enid, OK

For fans of shortwave, AM and FM band free radio. RealAudio of old 1960's pirate radio stations, station lists, pirate history, equipment info, news, legal info; over 230 links.

## JEFF MILLER'S BROADCASTING HISTORY PAGE

<http://members.aol.com/jeff560/jeff.html>

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Information on AM, FM and TV broadcast history, including sound files, links, etc. There is a chronology of AM broadcasting from 1900 to 1922, and 1923 to 1960; a list of shortwave stations from 1926 and 1931; and a section of slogans of stations from the 20s and 30s.

## THE LIVES OF THE GREAT DJS-RADIO PERSONALITIES THAT HAVE ROCKED CULTURE

<http://wfmu.org/LCD/GreatDJ/>

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Put together by WFMU 91.1 FM in New York City, an independent freeform radio station, this site features great sound clips and information from various times in radio history. Listen to G.I. Pirate radio from the Vietnam war; the lives of the Hipster Saints; Border Radio Quackery; and the World War II Propagandist.

## OLD TIME RADIO - RADIO DAYS: A SOUNDBITE HISTORY

<http://www.otr.com/new_index.shtml

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site includes great audio sound clips from broadcasts from the 1920s to 1950s. There are also sections on timeline, radio news, mystery, private eyes, comedy, science fiction, and much more.

## UNCLE RICKY'S REEL TOP 40 RADIO REPOSITORY

<http://www.reelradio.com/>

VIA: DXing.com site links

Created and maintained by Richard Irwin, this is a not for profit public air check archive about Top 40 radio "The fun, formatics, styles, promotions, personalities, production, reverb, creativity and pioneers of Top 40 Radio". You can hear audio files of Bob James, Jeff Davis, Wolfman Jack, Rick Dees, Larry Lujack, Charlie Tuna, Shadoe Stevens, and more. I sampled one 39 minute clip of the May 10, 1982 Dan Ingram & Ron Lundy show on 770 WABC in New York, as they ended their 21 year period of Music Radio, switching to Talk Radio. This was called by some "The day the music died". Great memories here.

## SIGNALS COLLECTION '40-'45

<http://www.qsl.net/pe1ngz/signalscollection.html>

VIA: David Lawrence, Inverary, Ontario

A Dutch foundation which aims to conserve and preserve Allied army, navy & air force radios and radar equipment, used or built by the Allies during World War II. You will find descriptions, photos, specifications. There are features on the vehicles used, electronic warfare, rebuilding the cockpit of the Avro Lancaster. Lots of links and a discussion forum. Maintained by Jan and Paul Bodifee.

## TRUNKTRACKER.COM

<http://www.trunktracker.com>

VIA: Rich Wells, Morrisville, North Carolina

This site brings you up to date on information relating to trunking systems used in today's radio communications, as well as details on the Uniden system of Trunktracking, used in some of their scanners to follow these systems. Sections include Information, FAQs, Databases (for U.S. states, Canada, and International), and much more.

## HAMQUEST

<http://HamQuest.com>

VIA: Glenn Hauser's Review of Int. Broadcasting Enid, OK

This new site is an on line Internet auction created solely for the ham community to buy and sell equipment. There are 270 distinct sub categories of equipment accessible.

## DXBANDS.COM

<http://www.dxbands.com>

VIA: Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec via Ohio Penn DX Club Bulletin #419 & Nigel Peacock of Kent, England

Billed as "a comprehensive Amateur Radio Portal on the web", this site is designed to give amateurs the opportunity to find amateur radio news, the latest dxpedition info, contests and page after page of ham radio links. Breaking news is updated each day. There is also a callsign and QSL manager look up feature. This new site was launched only in July 1999.

## HAMVIEW

<http://www.freeyellow.com:8080/members/padan/>

VIA: Al Dudley, Washington, DC via Worldwide Utility News

A free program to dig out weak signals buried in noise, with real time audio filtering of incoming signals. Point and click the mouse, and the selected signal will stand out from the QRM and noise.

## THE GENERAL ZONE

## GEBBIE PRESS

<http://www.gebbieinc.com/>

VIA: Howard Gontovnick, Chomedey-Laval, Quebec

Created and maintained by Mark Gebbie, this offers a wealth of media info; TV & weekly newspapers; over 10,000 links to print and electronic media; 3284 e-mail addresses for radio and TV stations & over 200 links to internet & computer magazines.

## THE KONFORMIST

<http://www.konformist.com/>

VIA: Robert Lajoie, Longueuil, Quebec

An on line magazine focusing on info which they believe is being covered up or ignored by the "Korporate" media. Lots of material here for the conspiracy buffs. This site may be offensive, controversial or disturbing to some. It is about alternative media with many links to underground media outlets.

## CRYPTO MACHINES

<http://webhome.idirect.com/~jproc/crypto>

VIA: Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

History, background, photos and links of machines from the past used for encrypting and decrypting.

## THE ASTRONAUT HALL OF FAME ON LINE

<http://www.astronauts.org/home.htm>

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The web page of the Hall of Fame and U.S. Space Camp in Florida. There are biographies of the astronauts, U.S. only, in the Hall, plus Newsroom with information on activities.

## SPACE.COM

<http://www.space.com/>

VIA: Yahoo Daily News, July 22, 1999

Detailed information on space, including news, science, business, space imagined, Area 51, daily space facts, and a message board.

## TERRASERVER

<http://www.terraserver.microsoft.com>

VIA: Robert Lajoie, Longueuil, Quebec

Want to see a spot on Earth from above? This is a terabyte (one trillion bytes) of compressed aerial and satellite photos of the Earth. The "About" section will tell you how it all works.

## CIAC COMPUTER INCIDENT ADVISORY CAPABILITY

<http://www.ciac.org>

VIA: Robert Lajoie, Longueuil, Quebec

Created by the U.S. Department of Energy, this group monitors computer and internet developments and reports on bulletins, viruses, hoaxes, tools, documents, etc.

## Y2K MEDIA WATCH ON LINE JOURNALISM REVIEW

<http://ojr.usc.edu/sections/y2k/>

VIA: Yahoo Daily News, July 8, 1999

>From the Centre for Millennial Studies at Boston University, this site shows you who is saying what about Y2K, from mainstream and alternative sources

## THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

## APB ON LINE

<http://www.apbonline.com/index.html>

VIA: Yahoo Daily News

The source for police and crime news, information and entertainment (?), featuring the Serial Killer Bureau, Media Patrol, Wanted, Missing, G-Files, Behind the Badge, Major Cases, Unsolved, In Depth, and Breaking News. Hopefully you won't find a mug shot of yourself on this page!!

## EGO SURF

<http://www.egosurf.com/>

VIA: Yahoo Daily News, July 22, 1999

This search engine finds web pages that include your name. A perpetual search gathers new links daily for you.

## LOCH NESS LIVE

<http://www.lochness.scotland.net/>

VIA: Yahoo Daily News, June 14, 1999

History, photographs, tourist information, and the ever popular live camera focused on the famous Loch Ness, with your chance of spotting Nessie.

## ODD THINGS

<http://www.quuxuum.org/~miles/odd/index.html>

VIA: Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

A light hearted look at some odd things including the strange tasting chicken, a postcard from Three Mile Island and The S & M Deli!

## CNET.COM THE SOURCE FOR COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

<http://www.cnet.com>

VIA: Janice Laws, Dorval, Quebec

All the latest computer and technology news, special reports, downloads, virus updates, reviews and choices for the techno nerd.

### LEARN 2.COM

<http://www.learn2.com>

VIA: Janice Laws, Dorval, Quebec

Thousands of solutions to real world problems, on line tutorials in arts and crafts, automotive, business & money, family & pets, food & drink, health & fitness, home & garden, sports & recreation, style & grace, technology, travel, and writing & speech.

### NET LINGO-THE INTERNET LANGUAGE DICTIONARY

<http://www.netlingo.com/>

VIA: Janice Laws, Dorval, Quebec

Hundreds of words emerging as new vocabulary from the Internet and the worldwide web. Simply look up the word you want a definition of.

### GALAXY: THE PROFESSIONAL GUIDE TO A WORLD OF INFO

<http://galaxy.einet.net/>

VIA: Janice Laws, Dorval, Quebec

A directory with the following categories: Business & Commerce, Community, Engineering and Technology, Government, Humanities, Leisure and Recreation (inc. Radio), Medicine, Reference, Science, and Social Studies.

### THE PUBLICITY ZONE RADIO H.F.

### CANADA'S SPECIALIST IN SHORTWAVE, SCANNING, AMATEUR RADIO, ANTENNAS, ACCESSORIES & PUBLICATIONS, SINCE 1995.

Look for Radio H.F. at these upcoming hamfests in Quebec and eastern Ontario:

AUGUST 7 St. Romuald, Quebec A.R.E.S. Hamfest at the St. Romuald Arena, near Quebec City. Contact Serge Berube at 418-839-4846, or by e-mail <ve2abc@globetrotter.qc.ca> for information.

SEPTEMBER 4 Carp, Ontario Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Hamfest at the Carp Agricultural Fairgrounds, Carp, Ontario (west of Ottawa). Contact Jim Cummings at 613-446-1225, or by e-mail <fleamarket@oarc.net>
or on their website <http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

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## AMATEUR EQUIPMENT SPECIALS FOR AUGUST 1999

NEW ICOM IC-2800 Dual Band mobile $ 899
NEW ICOM IC-T81A 4 band portable! $ 679
ICOM IC-2100H 2 meter mobile $ 329
NEW YAESU FT-90 Dual Band mobile $ 649
NEW YAESU FT-2600M 2 meter mobile $ 329
YAESU FT-100 HF/6m/2m/70cm mobile $2099
KENWOOD TH-D7A Data Communicator $ 649
KENWOOD TH-22AT 2m portable $ 289
ALINCO DJ-191TH 2m portable $ 299
ALINCO DJ-V5TH Dual band portable $ 449

## POPULAR AMATEUR FAVOURITES

KENWOOD TS-570DG HF base station $1799
KENWOOD TS-570SG HF/6m base station $1999
KENWOOD TS-50S HF mobile $1199
KENWOOD TM-261A 2m mobile $ 359
KENWOOD TM-V7A CoolBlue 2m/70cm mobile $ 749
ICOM IC-2710H Dual band mobile $ 749
ICOM IC-W-32A dual band portable $ 449
ICOM IC-T2H 2m portable $ 299
YAESU FT-8100 dual band mobile $ 759
YAESU FT-VX5R Triband portable $ 569
YAESU FT-VX1R portable $ 359
A.D.I. AT-201HP 2m portable $ 229
A.D.I. AR-147 2m mobile $ 339
MAHA/REXON RL-115 2m portable $ 249
MAHA/REXON RL-501 dual band portable $ 329

Other models of Icom, Kenwood and Yaesu, Alinco, A.D.I. and Standard, plus all accessories for all brands also available.
RECEIVERS & SCANNERS

NEW-GRUNDIG YB-300PE Portable SW $ 99
GRUNDIG YB-400PE Portable SW w/SSB $ 249
SONY ICF-2010 Top Shortwave portable $ 579
SONY ICF-SW7600G Shortwave portable $ 299
SONY ICF-SW40 Shortwave portable $ 190
ALINCO DJ-X10 Wide band receiver $ 699
A.O.R. NEW AR-8200 receiver $ 999
YUPITERU MVT-7100 receiver $ 649
YUPITERU MVT-9000 receiver $ 999
RELM HS-200 Portable Scanner w/CTCSS $ 399
WELZ WE-2000E Portable Scanner $ 599
UNIDEN BC-245XLT Trunktracker II Port. $ 450

Other models of shortwave receivers and scanners available from AOR, Drake, Lowe, Grundig, Sony, Sangean, Uniden, Relm, Welz and Icom.

## FEATURE PRODUCT - AUGUST 1999

UNIDEN BEARCAT BC-245XLT Trunktracker II Scanner

Uniden Bearcat has been one of the most famous and reputable names in scanning equipment for many years. Offering complete lines of portable, mobile and base units, you can choose the scanner which best fits your needs.

The hottest product on the scanner scene is now available in Canada, through Radio H.F. It is the new UNIDEN BEARCAT BC-245XLT Trunktracker II portable scanner. This unit has 300 memories, 12 bands, covering 29 to 956 MHz. (cellular blocked), 100 channel per second scanning rate, and 100 and 300 steps per second search speeds. The exciting news is that the Trunktracker is capable of following both the Motorola and G/Tracker (EDACS) systems of trunking, used in many of today's communication systems.

The first production run of this scanner is now sold out in North America. You can reserve one for the next shipment by placing your order now with Radio H.F., by phone, fax, or by e-mail.

You can check out this unit, as well as the full line of Uniden Bearcat scanners, by visiting the Uniden website:

<http://www.uniden.com/docs/product/proline.htm>

Click on Bearcat Scanners and all current models will be displayed. Look into other product lines by Uniden, also available at Radio H.F., such as CB radios, marine equipment, and cordless phones.

To find all the latest information, user comments, reviews, etc. on the BC-245XLT, please check out the best site on the web for complete scanning information, Strong Signals by Rich Wells:

<http://www.strongsignals.net/>

Rich has a detailed review of the unit, plus a message board, FAQs, the owner's guide for the unit, and much more. There is also a link to the Trunktracker site (featured in this newsletter), for detailed information on trunking systems.

<http://www.trunktracker.com>

## BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS & CD ROMS

## *COMING SOON - DETAILS ON THE NEW 2000 EDITION OF PASSPORT TO WORLD BAND RADIO

## NEW ARRIVALS THIS MONTH

## ARRL NET DIRECTORY - 1999/2000 $ 6.50
## CB MODIFICATION SECRETS $31.95
## W6SAI HF ANTENNA HANDBOOK $29.95
## ARRL LOW POWER COMMUNICATIONS $22.50
## ARRL ON4UN'S LOW BAND DXING $41.95
## ARRL WIRE ANTENNA CLASSICS $21.00
## ARRL INTRODUCTION TO MORSE CODE - CD $20.95

Radio H.F. is the Canadian home for all publications of Radio Amateurs of Canada, Radio Amateur du Quebec, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), and Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). We also have Canada's largest selection of books on vintage receivers such as Heathkit, Zenith, Philco and Hallicrafters, plus books on repairing and restoring old radios. All of these books are available by mail order from Radio H.F. Many titles are in stock, on display, in our showroom.

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## THE PUBLICITY ZONE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our August edition is 64 pages. Sample copies are available for $2.00 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit our website for complete information, as well as special features and website profiles, or to get a membership application.

<http://www.anarc.org/cidx/>

## THE PUBLICITY ZONE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern time. I, and co-host Bill Westenhaver, present this weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill webpage for full CKUT programming:

<http://www.ckut.ca>

## THE PUBLICITY ZONE RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

You can also hear my bi-weekly CIDX Report on Radio Canada International, Canada's international shortwave broadcaster, on the Maple Leaf Mailbag Show. Find the times and frequencies on the Radio Canada International website:

<http://www.rcinet.ca>

When you travel abroad, take Canada with you, with Radio Canada International on shortwave.

That is it for August. Your contributions, comments and suggestions are always appreciated. Please contact me by e-mail at <ve2shw@yahoo.com>, and remember that previous Newsletter issues can be found at:

<http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/index.html>

Best wishes and 73 from
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